GENOM.032NP

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant

Crothers, Donald M.

Int'l Appl. No.

PCT/US2004/027412

Int'l Filing Date :

August 23, 2004

For

OLIGONUCLEOTIDE

SEQUESTERING AGENTS AND

METHODS OF USE

Examiner

Unknown

Group Art Unit

Unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified U.S. national phase application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.